

a one-or multi-colored pattern printed on the carrier sheet using a digitally controlled color printer;

a transparent or white-pigmented elastomer polymer layer having a high plasticizing point printed configuratively on the pattern, said plasticizing point is above the application temperature of the transfer; and

a heat-activatable thermoplastic polymeric glue layer printed configuratively on the transparent or white-pigmented elastomer layer, or a heat-activatable hot melt granulate sprinkled on the elastomer layer while said elastomer layer was still wet.

9. (Amended) The transfer of claim 1, wherein the transparent elastomer layer comprises an elastomer polyurethane having a high plasticizing point applied in the form of an aqueous solution.

11. (Amended) The transfer of claim 1, wherein the glue layer comprises polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range of 120-160 °C containing dispersed fine particles of a hot melt of copolyamide or high density polyethylene having a melting point of 100-140 °C in the ratio 1:1, applied in the form of a solution of the polyurethane in an organic solvent with dispersed hot melt powder.

12. (Amended) The transfer of claim 1, wherein the glue layer comprises polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C containing dispersed fine particles of a hot melt of copolyamide or high density polyethylene having a melting point of 100-140 °C in the ratio 1:1, applied in the form of an aqueous solution of the polyurethane with dispersed hot melt powder.

13. (Amended) The transfer of claim 1, wherein the transparent elastomer layer, the white elastomer layer and the glue layer are printed on the carrier sheet by silk screen printing processes.

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~~15. (Amended) A method of making a transfer capable of applying one- or multi-colored patterns to textiles under heat and pressure, wherein the transfer comprises a carrier sheet having a non-binding surface, the method comprising steps of:~~

~~printing a one- or multi- colored pattern on the carrier sheet using a digitally controlled color printer;~~

~~configuratively printing a transparent or white-pigmented elastomer polymer layer having a high plasticizing point that is above the application temperature of the transfer on top of the pattern; and~~

~~configuratively printing a heat-activatable thermoplastic polymeric glue layer on top of the transparent or white-pigmented elastomer layer or, while the elastomer layer is still wet, sprinkling a heat-activatable hot melt granulate on said elastomer layer.~~

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~~22. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of applying the glue layer comprises applying the glue layer in the form of an organic solution of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C in which a fine hot melt powder of copolamide or high density polyethylene having a melting point of 100-140 °C is dispersed in the ratio 1:1.~~

~~23. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of applying the glue layer comprises applying the glue layer in the form of an aqueous solution of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C in which a fine hot melt powder of copolyamide or high density polyethylene having a melting point of 100-140 °C is dispersed in the ratio 1:1.~~

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~~24. (Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the steps of printing the transparent elastomer layer, the white elastomer layer and the glue layer on the carrier sheet comprise printing by silk screen printing processes.~~

Please add new claims 65-68 as follows.

65. (New) The transfer of claim 1, wherein said plasticizing point is above 165 °C.

66. (New) The transfer of ~~claim 1~~ 15, wherein the elasyomer polymer layer comprises a linear, fully reacted polyurethane on the basis of polyester.

67. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein said plasticizing point is above 165 °C.

68. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the elasyomer polymer layer comprises a linear, fully reacted polyurethane on the basis of polyester.

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 9, 11-13, 17 and 22-24 have been amended. Non-elected claims 2, 3, 16, 17 and 27-64 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 65-68 are added. Claims 1, 4-15, 18-26 and 65-68 are pending.

New claims 65-68 read on the elected invention of Group I. Claims 65 and 67 are supported by the original disclosure, for instance at Example 1, page 18, line 24 taken with page 13, lines 4-7. Claims 66 and 68 are supported by the original disclosure, for instance at page 14, lines 16-26.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Shewareged and Examiner Krynski for granting the personal interview conducted on January 11, 2001 with Applicant's representative, John Gresens. Applicant received from the Examiner an Interview Summary record which indicates that an agreement was reached. To clarify the record, Applicant notes that an agreement was not in fact reached. While Applicant concurs that the Examiner suggested adding the language of claim 12 into claim 1, no agreement was reached that Applicant would do so and Applicant did not agree to do so.

Claims 13 and 24 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The language noted by the Examiner is disclosed at page 10, lines 13-17. However, in order to expedite prosecution, claims 13 and 24 have been amended to eliminate the language "in the same register and configuration on top of one another". By